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RE: Powertech (USA) Inc. – EPA Permits

Dear Mr. McGrath,

As the elected state legislators for South Dakota's District 30 (Fall River, Custer & Pennington Counties), we are writing to inform you of our united support for Powertech's Dewey-Burdock in situ uranium project near Edgemont, S.D. We are also writing to encourage your completion of the Class III and Class V UIC permits submitted by Powertech as expeditiously as possible so that the economic development from this project may be realized.

On January 31, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), which assessed all environmental impacts of the project including an extensive process for public comment and stakeholder consultation. The NRC also completed a Safety Evaluation Report on the project in March of 2013 that determined the project could be operated safely and protective of human health and the environment. Both of these documents comprehensively evaluated all aspects of the proposed project and recommended issuance of a license. Your office has also reviewed and commented extensively on the Draft and Final SEIS.

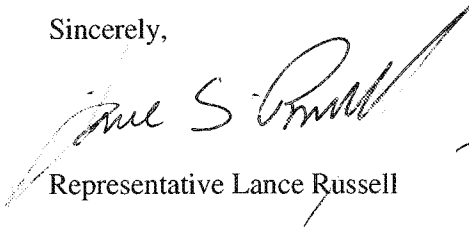
Powertech has also applied for several state permits that have been reviewed and received recommendations for approval from the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources including a Large Scale Mine Permit, Water Rights Permits, and Groundwater Discharge Permit. The state applications went to citizen boards for approval in 2013, a process which was postponed because federal permits, including those from primary regulatory authorities for in-situ recovery operations (NRC and EPA) had not yet been issued.

Powertech submitted to EPA Class III and Class V UIC applications in December 2008 and March 2010, respectively. We request that EPA proceed forward with its permitting process on these applications in a manner that is timely and consistent with the extensive effort completed by NRC and DENR. Furthermore, we request that it complete this work soon so that the state hearings can resume and Powertech can begin construction and production.

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We ask your consideration on behalf of the citizens of our district who are looking forward to the start of this project as a long-needed source of jobs and economic development that are hard to come by in this part of South Dakota.

Sincerely,



Representative Lance Russell



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